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Central Idaho RAC Approves \$443,820 for Resource Projects

The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet May 21 at 10 a.m., in Challis, to review projects for possible funding and to give final approval for some projects. The meeting will be held in the Salmon-Challis National Forest South Zone Office, Highway 93, in Challis.

The RAC has already approved 19 resource projects totaling \$443,820 in meetings in February, March and April. The RAC had a total of \$987,753 to spend on projects this year, made available to Butte, Custer and Lemhi Counties through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008. The RAC works closely with the Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit Forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintain roads, trails and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds.

This year the RAC received a total of 94 project proposal previews totaling over \$4,045,000. With the projects already approved the RAC now must narrow the remaining projects down to allocate the remaining \$144,933. RAC projects must be located on National Forest System Lands in Custer, Lemhi or Butte counties or on other nearby lands if the project will benefit the resources on the National Forests. Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations.

The public is welcome to attend the RAC meetings. For more information on the RAC contact RAC Coordinator, Kent Fuellenbach at 208-756-5145.